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SUBJECT: PROPOSED FAA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO

ISRAEL

- 1. BY LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 24, 1976, ISRAELI MINISTER
 OF TRANSPORT (MOT) REQUESTED FAA'S ASSISTANCE IN
 ESTABLISHING A STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN ORDER TO REORGANIZE
 ITS CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION. IN HIS LETTER,
 MINISTER GAD YAACOBI REQUESTED THAT A COMBINED FAA/PORT
 OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY (PONYA) TEAM VISIT ISRAEL TO
 ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK.
- 2. SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIPT OF LETTER MENTIONED IN (1)
 ABOVE, ISRAELI EMBASSY IN WAHSINGTON ON FEBRUARY 1,
 1977 PROVIDED ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE TYPE OF ASSISTANCE
 REQUIRED AND SUBSEQUENTLY A MEETING BETWEEN EMBASSY AND
 FAA REPRESENTATIVES WAS HELD IN MID-FEBRUARY, DURING
 WHICH A PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION WAS DEVELOPED. THIS
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PLAN WAS COORDINATED WITH THE DIRECTOR OF AVIATION (PONYA), WHO CONCURRED AND AGREED TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES OF HIS DEPUTY FOR A TWO-WEEK PERIOD.

3. IN ALL INSTANCES WHEN FAA RESPONDS TO A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, SUCH

SERVICES ARE ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS AND COVERED BY A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN THE FAA AND THE STATE CONCERNED. EMBASSY THEREFORE REQUESTED TO PASS FOLLOWING TEXT OF PROPOSED MOA TO APPROPRIATE ISRAELI OFFICIALS (MOST LIKELY MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT). WHEN DOING SO, EMBASSY SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT PONYA IS ARRANGING ITS OWN AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL. ALSO, ESTIMATED COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE AIR TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN NEW YORK AND TEL AVIV AND VICE VERSA SINCE FAA ASSUMES THAT GOI WILL PROVIDE SUCH AT NO COST. CONFIRMATION OF THIS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

4. TEXT OF PROPOSED MOA FOLLOWS: QUOTE: WHEREAS SECTION 5 OF THE INTERNATIONAL AVIATION FACILITIES ACT (49 U.S.C. 1154) AUTHORIZES THE FAA TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS;

NOW THEREFORE, THE FAA AND THE MOT OF ISRAEL MUTUALLY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE FAA AGREES TO PROVIDE TO THE MOT OF ISRAEL THE SERVICES OF A TWO MAN ADVISORY TEAM WHO HAVE EXPERTISE IN CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION TO ASSIST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT AND BEN GURION AIRPORT.

B. SCOPE OF WORK WILL BE DEFINED AS ONE OF THE INITIAL ELEMENTS OF THE WORK PLAN AND WILL BE INCORPORATED AT UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT TIME AS AN APPENDIX TO THIS AGREEMENT.

C. THE MOT WILL REIMBURSE THE FAA FOR ACTUAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROJECT. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, COSTS FOR SERVICES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 18,000 DOLLARS, PLUS AIR TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN NEW YORK AND TEL AVIV AND RETURN IF NOT PROVIDED BY ISRAEL. CHARGES ARE PAYABLE BY U.S. DOLLAR CHECK OR DRAFT DRAWN TO U.S. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND FORWARDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BILLING INSTRUCTIONS. THE MOT IDENTIFIES THE OFFICE TO WHICH FAA BILLS SHOULD BE RENDERED AS

- D. TENTATIVE WORK PLAN IS AS FOLLOWS:
- (1) ONE FAA REPRESENTATIVE TO ISRAEL ESTIMATED WEEK OF MARCH 20 ON DATA COLLECTION AND SCOPE OF WORK DEFINITION.
- (2) ESTIMATED ONE WEEK (MARCH 28 APRIL 1) IN WASHINGTON

REVIEWING DATA AND PREPARING FOR PROJECT.

- (3) TWO FAA AND ONE PONYA REPRESENTATIVE TO ISRAEL FOR THREE WEEKS ESTIMATED PERIOD APRIL 2 24. (PONYA REPRESENTATIVE MAY LEAVE AT END OF SECOND WEEK).
- (4) PREPARATION OF REPORT IN WASHINGTON ESTIMATED APRIL 25 30.

E. THE MOT, ON BEHALF OF ISRAEL, AGREES TO DEFEND ANY SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, THE FAA, OR ANY INSTRUMENTALITY OR OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES ARISING OUT OF WORK UNDER THIS AGREEMENT. THE MOT, ON BEHALF OF ISRAEL, FURTHER AGREES TO HOLD THE UNITED STATES, THE FAA AND ANY INSTRUMENTALITY OR OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES HARMLESS AGAINST ANY CLAIM BY ISRAEL OR ANY AGENCY THEREOF, OR THIRD PERSONS FOR PERSONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE ARISING OUT OF WORK UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

IF YOU CONCUR WITH THE FOREGOING, PLEASE ADVISE YOUR APPROVAL IN WRITING THROUGH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TEL AVIV. YOUR REPLY AND THIS MESSAGE WILL THEN CONSTITUTE A ONE-TIME REIMBURSABLE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS FOR THESE SERVICES.

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES, NUMBER WO-I-165 HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THIS AGREEMENT.

SIGNED BY NORMAN PLUMMER ACTING ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AVIATION AFFAIRS FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 201

DATE: MARCH 15, 1977. END QUOTE.

5. IN VIEW SHORT TIME FRAME FOR STARTING THIS PROJECT DUE AVAILABILITY OF PONYA REPRESENTATIVE DURING PERIOD APRIL 2 - 20 ONLY, FAA WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY OBTAINING GOI APPROVAL OF MOA AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. WHEN DOING SO, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN NAME AND ADDRESS OF GOI ELEMENT TO WHICH BILLING SHOULD BE SENT (REF. PARAGRAPH 4C). TENTATIVE SELECTION OF FAA REPRESENTATIVES ARE MESSRS. JOSEPH BLATT AND ROBERT NICKELSBERG, BOTH OF WHOM ARE FAMILIAR WITH GOI'S AVIATION ENVIRONMENT. ACCORDING TO PONYA DIRECTOR OF AVIATION, HE PLANS SEND HIS DEPUTY MR. MAURICE SLOAN.

A COPY OF THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN PASSED TO GOI EMBASSY
IN WASHINGTON.
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